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DR. ROBERT S. MINNES PASSES AT OTTAWA

Distinguished Son of Kingston Was a Great Oculist and Ophthalmic Surgeon.

The death at his home in Ottawa on Sunday morning of Dr. Robert S. Minnes, internationally known oculist and ophthalmic surgeon, was heard with deep regret by the people of Kingston who knew him as a boy, then as a brilliant Queen's student and eventually as a great healer of the afflicted.

The late Dr. Minnes was born in Kingston fifty-five years ago, and was the third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Minnes, his father being one of the founders of the wholesale dry goods house of Macnee & Minnes of this city.

The following tribute to the late Dr. Minnes was paid by Dr. J. C. Connell, Dean of Queen's Medical Faculty and an ex-president of the Canadian Medical Association:

"At Queen's University, Dr. Robert Stanley Minnes was regarded as one of its most distinguished graduates. Entering the university from the Kingston Collegiate Institute, he first took an Arts course from which he graduated as medallist in mathematics and with the Master's degree.

ness radiated from him to all who came near him. His consideration, tact and thoughtfulness made him greatly loved and respected by his patients and brought about very intimate relations with all his fellow practitioners. Never very robust in health, he maintained throughout his life close attention to the details of a very large and exacting practice.

DR. ALBAN PHELAN'S VERY SUDDEN DEATH

Son of Dr. Daniel Phelan Passes Away at Staten Island of Pneumonia.

Sad news was received in the city on Sunday from Staten Island, New York, of the sudden death from pneumonia of Dr. Alban Phelan, only son of Dr. and Mrs. D. Phelan, Johnson street, this city.

Dr. Alban Phelan was born in Kingston and educated at St. Mary's school, Regiopolis College, and at Queen's University, where he received his degree of D.C.M. in 1923. He was among the first to volunteer his services in 1914 when war was declared and served in the Canadian Engineers and later in the Army Service Corps during the war period.

He was an interne at Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, for a year. The body will arrive in Kingston for burial.

INSTALLATION HELD AT NOON ON MONDAY

Of The Ancient St. John's Lodge No. 3, A.F. & A.M.

The installation ceremony of the Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., was carried out in the Masonic Temple at noon on Monday, R.W. Bro. J. B. Pinkerton, D. G.M. of Frontenac Masonic district, installed the officers. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon served in the Temple. The following officers were installed:

Former Premier Ramsay MacDonald had left for an extended tour of India.

PROBS:—Mostly fair and moderately cold Tuesday; snow flurries.

Tuesday at Steacy's Year End Sale!

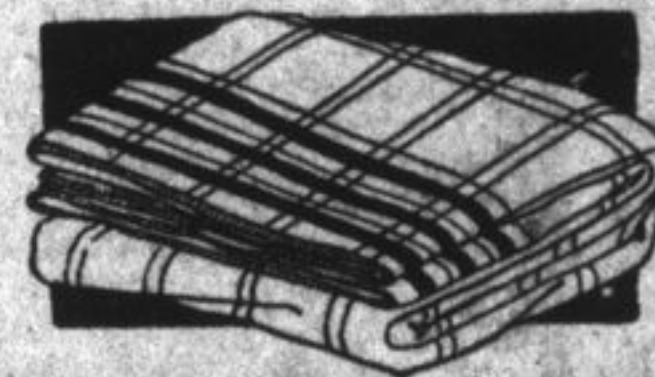
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FOREST FIRE LOSSES.

Of Ontario Diminished to the Lowest Record.

Toronto, Dec. 25.—Latest statistics, just released by Hon. James Lyons, Minister of Lands and Forests in the Ontario Government, indicate that Ontario has at last mastered that spectre of Northern Ontario timber limits—the forest fire.

In almost jubilant tones, Mr. Lyons declared that Ontario's forest fire loss in the past year had totalled only 10,154 acres of timber. It was believed that the acme of fire-fighting efficiency had been reached the year previous, when the loss was totalled at 14,500 acres.

Just how significant these figures are may be understood when it is recalled that a year still further back the losses were 2,000,000 acres, and the average loss over five preceding years was more than 1,000,000 acres a year.

"Not wholly, of course, but in large measure, explained Mr. Lyons, 'the splendid showing is due to the patrol of forest planes and quick detection of fire outbreaks. Last year we had ninety fires more than in 1923, and this year about 100 less, so we have about the same amount of fires, only we are finding them promptly and confining the devastation to half an acre or so."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to the severance of his connection with the Kingston General Hospital—

DR. J. P. QUIGLEY wishes to announce that he will still continue his work in

X-rays and Physiotherapy at the HOTEL DIEU HOSPITAL, and also at his office, 197 Johnson Street.

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Remarkable Gains Made by The Royal Bank of Canada

With Record Increase of Over \$200,000,000 for Year Total Assets Reach High Level of \$788,478,778.

The Royal bank of Canada, which for a number of years past, has been forging steadily ahead, is out with an annual statement in which all previous records are eclipsed. With total assets at a new high level of \$788,478,778, the increase for the period has amounted to \$205,000,000, by far the largest reported for any one year in the Bank's history. Of the large gain approximately \$105,000,000 may be attributed to the purchase of the Union Bank of Canada and the Bank of Central and South America, while the balance has been due to the growth in the general business of the Bank.

Of special interest to shareholders will be the fact that even at a time when such great strides have been made it has been possible to maintain an exceptionally strong position. If the total assets of \$788,478,778, liquid, or immediately available, assets stand at \$398,108,935, equal to 50.39% of liabilities to the public, while cash and cash balances are \$198,331,647, equivalent to 28.94% of public liabilities. Among the liquid assets accounts of special interest include Dominion and Provincial Government securities amounting to \$82,245,403, compared with \$52,029,825 a year ago; and Canadian Municipal securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public securities, other than Canadian, \$28,407,242, up from \$25,634,914.

Trade Expansion. The continued reports of a steady revival of business throughout Canada are borne out by the gain in current loans and discounts in Canada to \$190,854,642, as compared with \$148,499,355 at the end of last year, an increase of over \$42,000,000, while the total of all loans is now

\$338,750,201, up from \$257,225,355 a year ago.

As a result of the extensive organization built up, deposits have shown the surprising gain of \$150,000,000, and of this amount the increase in Canada has accounted for over \$150,000,000. Total deposits now stand at \$641,677,535, as against \$461,828,700 last year. Of this amount savings deposits are \$443,380,136, compared with \$338,291,427, and deposits not bearing interest amount to \$198,297,398, as against \$123,537,261.

Growth in Earnings.

The Profit and Loss Account shows that earnings were well above the previous year. After making full provision for bad and doubtful debts and the usual appropriations for bank premises and officers' pension fund, the sum of \$1,249,435 was carried forward. Profits for the year amounted to \$4,081,628, up from \$3,878,376 and added to the amount brought forward from the previous year, made the total available for distribution \$5,225,436. This was distributed as follows: Regular dividends and bonus, \$3,056,000; transferred to officers' pension fund, \$100,000; appropriation for bank premises, \$400,000; and reserve for Dominion Government taxes, including War Tax on bank note circulation, \$420,000; leaving a balance to credit of Profit and Loss, \$1,249,435.

The Royal Bank of Canada now has 395 branches, of which 179 are distributed throughout the Dominion of Canada, thus giving a connection in every section of the country.

The principal accounts at the end of the fiscal year to November 30th, 1925, with comparisons with those of November 29th, 1924, shows as follows:

Table with 2 columns: 1925 and 1924. Rows include Total Assets, Liquid Assets, Cash and Cash Holdings, Government Securities, Municipal and Foreign Securities, Current Loans and Discounts, Total Call Loans, Deposits bearing interest, Deposits not bearing interest, Capital, and Reserve.